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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

3:19-CR-052-RCJ-WGC

Plaintiff,

**Preliminary Order of Forfeiture** 

v.

ROBERT BARKMAN,

Defendant.

This Court finds Robert Barkman pled guilty to Count One of a One-Count Information charging him with sale and interstate shipment of endangered species in violation of 16 U.S.C. § 1538(a)(1)(F). Information, ECF No. 1; Plea Agreement, ECF No. \_\_; Change of Plea, ECF No. \_\_.

This Court finds Robert Barkman agreed to the forfeiture of the property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Information. Information, ECF No. 1; Plea Agreement, ECF No. \_\_; Change of Plea, ECF No. \_\_.

This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (2), the United States of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Information and the offense to which Robert Barkman pled guilty.

The following property is (1) all fish or wildlife or plants taken, possessed, sold, purchased, offered for sale or purchase, transported, delivered, received, carried, shipped, exported, or imported contrary to the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 1538(a)(1)(F), any regulation made pursuant thereto, or any permit or certificate issued hereunder and (2) all guns, traps, nets, and other equipment, vessels, vehicles, aircraft, and other means of

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transportation used to aid the taking, possessing, selling, purchasing, offering for sale or purchase, transporting, delivering, receiving, carrying, shipping, exporting, or importing of any fish or wildlife or plants in violation of 16 U.S.C. § 1538(a)(1)(F), any regulation made pursuant thereto, or any permit or certificate issued thereunder, and is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1540(e)(4)(A) with 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c):

- 1. I-1, one skull;
- 2. I-2, one skull;
- 3. I-3, tooth pendant kit with teeth;
- 4. I-4, three skin scalps, one bag with nine teeth, one bag with ten teeth/tusks, eight teeth/tusks, one bag with eighteen teeth and one bag with thirteen teeth;
- 5. J-1, one bag of sixty claws, one bag with nine claws, one bag with four teeth, and one bag with four teeth;
- 6. J-2, one claw;
- 7. F-1, one four teeth and five claws;
- 8. F-2, one skull;
- 9. F-3, one skull;
- 10. F-4, one skull;
- 11. F-5, one skull;
  - 12. F-6, one piece of bone;
  - 13. E-1, one bag with one spotted cat pelt;
  - 14. S-1, one shipping box with label

(all of which constitutes property).

This Court finds that the United States of America may amend this order at any time to add subsequently located property or substitute property to the forfeiture order pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(2)(C) and 32.2(e).

This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should, reduce the aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of America.

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NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the United States of America should seize the aforementioned property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all possessory rights, ownership rights, and all rights, titles, and interests of Robert Barkman in the aforementioned property are forfeited and are vested in the United States of America and shall be safely held by the United States of America until further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United States of America shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official internet government forfeiture website, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Order, which shall describe the forfeited property, state the time under the applicable statute when a petition contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and state the name and contact information for the government attorney to be served with the petition, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any individual or entity who claims an interest in the aforementioned property must file a petition for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, which petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(3) and 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's petition and the relief sought.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, Bruce R. Thompson U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building, 400 South Virginia Street, 3rd Floor, Reno, Nevada 89501, no later than thirty (30) days after the notice is sent or, if direct notice was not sent, no later than sixty (60) days after the first day of the publication on the official internet government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the petition, if any, shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United States Attorney's Office at the following address at the time of filing:

Daniel D. Hollingsworth Assistant United States Attorney James A. Blum Assistant United States Attorney 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice described herein need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is issued by the appropriate agency following publication of notice of seizure and intent to administratively forfeit the above-described property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Clerk send copies of this Order to all counsel of record.

DATED 1-22-, 2020.

HONORABLE ROBERT C. JONES UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of the foregoing was served upon counsel of record via Electronic Filing on January 21, 2020.

/s/ Heidi L. Skillin HEIDI L. SKILLIN FSA Contractor Paralegal